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GPO'S BIRMINGHAM BOOKSTORE TO CLOSE

The U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) plans to close its Birmingham bookstore to the public permanently on March 29, 2002. The bookstore is located at 2021 3rd Avenue North.

The bookstore is being closed due to significantly reduced sales resulting primarily from the public's increased ability to access Government publications free of charge over the Internet, including most prominently the more than 200,000 Government titles currently available on the GPO's own Web site, **GPO Access** (www.gpo.gov/gpoaccess). With declining book sales nationwide, GPO is making changes in its sales program, including its other 18 bookstores. Since June 2001, GPO has closed its San Francisco, Boston, Philadelphia, and Chicago bookstores as well as one of its three stores in the Washington, DC, area. Other closings are under consideration.

The closing of the Birmingham bookstore will not deprive residents in the Birmingham area of access to U.S. Government publications. Those wishing to buy Government books can link to the U.S. Government Online Bookstore at **<http://bookstore.gpo.gov>**. The Online Bookstore's Sales Product Catalog includes all titles available for sale and can be searched by publication title, subject, or keywords. All available titles can be ordered securely online using Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover/Novus credit cards. U.S. Government books can also be ordered toll free by telephone from 866-512-1800, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern time; by fax from 202-512-2250; or by mail from Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954. Rapid delivery is available using FedEx.

Birmingham area residents can also continue to locate and use U.S. Government books as well as online Government information free of charge in

any of their local Federal depository libraries open to the public. In the Birmingham area, these Federal depository collections are located at:

Birmingham Public Library
2100 Park Place
ph. 205-226-3620

Birmingham-Southern College
Rush Learning Center/Miles Library
900 Arkadelphia Road
ph. 205-226-4749

Jefferson State Community College
James B. Allen Library
2601 Carson Road
ph. 205-856-8524

Samford University
Harwell G. Davis Library
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